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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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SERIAL NO: 10/617,304 :
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FOR: PROCESS FOR DETERMINING :
THE COMPOSITION OF A DYE
PRODUCT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 30, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-19 and 25-50. This election is made with traverse.

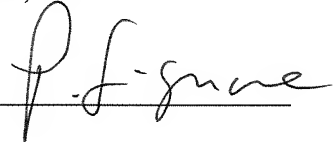
It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-50 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one group of claims would necessarily encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be performed without serious burden. MPEP §8003 states that if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the Restriction Requirement and to examine all claims in this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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